

REMARKS

The subject application is a U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/015137. The original application includes claims 1-21. By this Preliminary Amendment, new dependent claims 22-24 have been added, claim 12 has been amended to remove multiple dependencies therein, claims 3 and 18 have been amended to correct informalities therein. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-24 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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